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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Haddad), the members and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

During the session (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), at the request of Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Sylvia "Sally" Donovan of Norwell.

Sylvia "Sally"
Donovan of
Norwell.

Sally, formerly of Jamaica Plain, was a registered nurse, a Korean War Veteran, and achieved the rank of Captain in the United States Air Force.

Sally was an active member of the congregation at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Jamaica plain and enjoyed drinking Manhattans with her friends, neighbors, and "club" ladies.

Sally was the wife to the late John "Jack" Donovan of Norwell, and she leaves behind her daughter and two grandchildren.

Sally was well loved in both Norwell and Jamaica Plain. She will be long remembered as a local hero and role model.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill establishing a charter for the town of Plainville (House, No. 4036), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in section 3 adding the following sentence: "The position of appointed treasurer-collector shall hereinafter be appointed by the town administrator in accordance with subsection (a) of section 4-4 of the charter of the town of Plainville."; and striking out section 10 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:—

Plainville,—
charter.

SECTION 10. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of the town of Plainville at an annual or special election in the form of the following question: "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2020, entitled 'An Act establishing a charter for the town of Plainville' be accepted?"

Below the ballot questions shall appear a fair and concise summary of the act prepared by town counsel and approved by the select board. If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, then sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of said act shall be effective in the town of Plainville but not otherwise.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage; provided, however, that sections 7 to 10, inclusive, shall take effect only upon approval by the voters of the town of Plainville of the question under section 11.

The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The House Bill authorizing the University of Massachusetts to convey a certain parcel of land and buildings to the city of Waltham (House, No. 4927), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2906. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Waltham,—
land.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tamerisa Sanchez, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2892) (on Senate, No. 2872), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Tamerisa
Sanchez,—
sick leave.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr that the University of Massachusetts be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land with buildings thereon in the town of Nantucket to the town of Nantucket Affordable Housing Trust Fund. To the committee on Higher Education.

UMass,—
Nantucket
housing
trust fund.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul W. Mark and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to establish an opioid use disorder education, treatment and recovery fund within the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Franklin County
Sheriff's
Office,—
opioids.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Wellesley to continue [sic] employment of Jeffrey Peterson (House, No. 4938) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Wellesley,—
Jeffrey
Peterson.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a memorial bench in Pope John Paul II Park in the city of Boston in memory of Robert M. "Bobby" Mudge (see House, No. 4195), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Boston,—
Mudge
bench.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maria Boverini, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4837, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Maria Boverini,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

Engrossed bills

Exempting from taxation certain property under the historic curatorship program in the town of Hamilton (see House, No. 4193); and

Bills enacted.

Exempting the city of Northampton from appointing weighers of hay, weighers of coal, and fence viewers (see House, No. 4330, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill making technical corrective changes to the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund tax assessments (House, No. 4073), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Cape Cod and
Islands Water
Protection
Fund.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, in concurrence, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4969. The further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.